

PRESENT: Morley Hegstrom-RMS Principle, Juan Cuadros-RMS Vice Principle, Nancy Collie-Volunteer Coordinator, Melanie MacKinnon-PAR co-convener, Deb McCarty-PAR co-convener, Maggie Carlson-PAR secretary, Art Farley, Michelle Mikkelsen, Terrie Monroe, Jeremy Hanson, Laural Miller

WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS –Good Morning and welcome – Melanie MacKinnon
Please introduce yourself and name/grade of your student.

Last Night Education PAR was a success – Part II in the Parenting Teens

You are welcome to come before PAR meetings from 8:45-9am, the 3rd Friday each month, for coffee and a chance to chat with Morley and Juan.

AGENDA –

1) McKinney Students (Transitional students) – Art Farley and Morley Hegstrom - Please contact Morley hegstrom@4j.lane.edu for more information

This name comes from the McKinney Act, a federally funded program to support students in transition. This program supports Homeless youth, youth in transitional housing, or substandard housing. This program supports these youth by providing school supplies, scholastic support, an after school homework club, as well as transportation to and from school. This program also provides nutritional snacks each day and a fun activity on Friday.

The program is currently up and running. Dan Jamison and Rick, who already work at RMS as 6 hours autism specialists, have increase their hours by one hour each day to provide the teaching and support.

Increasing their hours and running transportation takes funding. The program has received a private donation to get up and running. More funds are needed to sustain the program though out the year. They are looking for donations to meet or exceed \$1,500. Please contact Morley if interested in donating.

Other needs are materials, snacks (see Deb McCarty), drivers, and parent volunteers (note: there is always a great need of parent volunteers for all of Roosevelt's after school programs!)

PAR will try to help by getting the word out about this program.

Deb McCarty has received some donations for snacks, which combined with the food donated by the state will help to fill gaps.

Morley will get information to newsletter.

At the end of the year, PAR will revisit this topic to assess allocation of funds.

- 2) **Roosevelt's Equity Committee** – Juan Cuadros cuadros_j@4j.lane.edu
REC or Roosevelt's Equity Committee has been developed by Site Counsel and has shared its new mission statement as follows:

Roosevelt Middle School Equity committee Mission Statement

The mission of the Roosevelt Equity Committee (REC) is to address issues of equity, power and privilege, and diversity for the greater good of Roosevelt Middle School students, families, and staff. REC is student centered and will work proactively and reactively to ensure all students at RMS feel safe and respected. REC will seek to empower all students to be contributing members of Roosevelt and the broader community. REC will sustain communication between and among other RMS groups to ensure equity and diversity are infused throughout all school decisions and actions.”

Next meeting for the Equity Committee is **Dec 10th at 5:00pm**. They meet once a month. This is an open meeting, attendance and participation is needed by both adults and students. They are also looking for a core group of volunteers to attend and run the meeting each month, providing guidance and consistency.

This committee hears problems of discrimination, creates solutions, educations, and supports the Roosevelt community around topics of cultural and bicultural issues. They are student centered and would like students to participate. Information about the meeting goes out in the newsletter as well as personal request from Juan and other advisors. PAR will get the word out at the next evening meeting in January.

Question: How often does discrimination occur at RMS?

Juan – Everyday. Juan doesn't catch it everyday. But Harassment, bullying happens.

Recommendation: Have 8th graders share in leadership roles, maybe link it with WEB(Where everyone belongs). Give the student leaders training.

Recommendation: Educate parents in evening PAR(Parents at Roosevelt) meetings.

Recommendation: Change name from REC to ROCK or something fun for kids.

Comment: Parent heard from her student that Roosevelt does a great job with Equity. Juan says...” **yes, but we can do better**”

3) Site Council Report – Deb McCarty, please contact Deb McCarty dllmmc@msn.com, or Terrie Monroe terrie.e.monroe@ci.eugene.or.us

a) Parent teacher conference was great.

b) Reorganizing school boundaries upcoming meeting is **Dec 18th, 5:30pm at RMS**
Concern stated that not enough people know about this meeting and how important it might be.

Concerns are:

- 1) Advertising for this meeting is important
- 2) Pre Educating people so they can be prepared for this meeting.

Deb McCarty will talk to Morley to brainstorm ideas on how to get this done.

c) Site Counsel went over the School Report Card that was just mailed to families by 4J.

Please talk with a site counsel representative (see above) if you want more information or your opinion heard.

4) Upcoming events at RMS Nancy Collie collie_n@4j.lane.edu

a) **Immigration Simulation-** Dec 11th, AM 6th grade event

Beth Goodale and Deane Lang are Parent Volunteer Organizing this event.
They have 65 parent volunteers set to go.

b) **Activity Night** – Oct event was great. Next night is in February around Valentines day.

There are 3 activity nights a year. Times 6pm(6th graders) 6:30-8:30pm.

Volunteers are always needed. Activity Night is very fun – please contact Nancy is interested.

c) HAP–Holiday Assistance Program

This program has started. Students are bringing in canned and nonperishable foods to leave in a box in their House.

Volunteers will be needed for this program. If you are available Dec 12 th (no school day) to help box up the food, please contact Nancy Collie (see above)

d) **Magazine Drive** – look in next months PAR meeting for more details.

- e) **Showcase Roosevelt** - This is Roosevelt's Spring fundraiser. A date of Friday, May 1st was set. A flyer about Showcase was sent out in the last paper newsletter.

5) Scrip and escrip – Maggie Carlson scottc15@yahoo.com 484-9286

A big Thank You to all office parent volunteers for doing a wonderful job of filling grocery scrip orders. You can now purchase paper grocery scrip in the office. The parent volunteer in the office will take care of these orders. Just stop by the office and pick up Sundance, Newman's, Capellas or Unique Eugene scrip instantly. This program is new and is working well.

escrip and grocery scrip report
November 2008

Grocery scrip:

From September, 2008 to November, 2008 total **profit** earned from grocery scrip is **\$171.50**

Inventory: We have in the drawer = \$2,270 if all sold, profit of \$292

Unique Eugene 124 units at \$10 each = \$1,240 worth
Newmans 53 units at \$10 each = \$530
Sundance 5 units at \$20 each = \$100
Cappella 10 units at \$20 each = \$200
Cappella 4 units at \$50 each = \$200

escrip:

June, July, August, September, October, November 2008 we have added 56 new people to the escrip program!!

9/2007 net contribution was \$697.65
Last year an average month is \$500 to \$600 per month
9/2008 net contribution was \$1,129.72

85% of this \$1,129 is contributed by PC Market of Choice!!

**Recommendation that we send a poster, or photo with student signatures of thanks to PC Market.
Any other ideas.....**

6) Treasure Report – Coleen Alexander cmbalex@earthlink.net

No report this meeting. Information is available, contact Coleen.

7) Follow up on PAR October topics – Melanie MacKinnon

- copies of PAR minutes will be in a notebook in the office and posted on the RMS websit.

- A PAR bulletin board in the office will be posted.

-Voting in PAR meeting – will talk about in the next PAR meeting.

- PAR evening series will have a 15 minute business meeting before the educational series topic.

-Request from Richard Leebrick for \$500 to cover expenses of last years Bard fest. Melanie MacKinnon will develop form and PAR will work on policy for funds request.

- next meeting will talk about a new student/family information and orientation packet listing activities throughout the year to expect and acronyms spelled out. Laural and Nancy Collie will work on putting together packet.

Dec PAR Meeting is Canceled

NEXT PAR MEETING:

January 16th FROM 9-10:30

Please join us 8:45 to 9am for good coffee and conversation with Morley and Juan